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TAGS: IEA

SUBJECT: ENERGY: IEA/SLT NOTE ON NUCLEAR POLICY

1) ADDRESSEES ARE REQUESTED TO PASS IEA/SLT CHAIRMAN'S NOTE ON NUCLEAR POLICY (PARA 2 BELOW) TO HOST GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS RESPONSIBLE FOR IEA/SLT MATTERS ON MONDAY, JUNE 13. USOECD PASS TO SECRETARIAT.

2) SET OUT BELOW IS A PROPOSED CHAIRMAN'S NOTE TO THE GOVERNING BOARD DESIGNED TO PROVIDE A GENERAL FRAME-
WORK FOR ITS DISCUSSION OF NUCLEAR POLICY ON JUNE 27.
I WILL APPRECIATE HAVING YOUR COMMENTS AT OUR MEETING JUNE 16 ON WAYS IN WHICH IT CAN BE ELABORATED TO ENSURE THAT THE KEY ISSUES FOR THE IEA ARE ADDRESSED.

3) THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY MUST DEFINE A CLEAR ROLE FOR ITSELF IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY IN A RAPIDLY EVOLVING WORLD SITUATION. IN THE COURSE OF THE SLT REVIEW AND REDUCED DEPENDENCY EXERCISE, IT BECAME CLEAR THAT ALL MEMBER COUNTRIES OF THE IEA HAVE ENGAGED IN NATIONAL DEBATES ON THE NUCLEAR ISSUE, SOME RESULTING IN QUALIFIED COMMITMENTS TO NUCLEAR POWER, OTHERS RESULTING IN THE DEFERRAL OF NUCLEAR POWER. IN MANY COUNTRIES, GOVERNMENTS' DECISIONS HAVE

YET TO BE RECONCILED WITH GROWING PUBLIC UNCERTAINTY OVER THE NUCLEAR OPTION. THIS HAS ALREADY CONTRIBUTED TO CONSIDERABLE SLIPPAGE IN NUCLEAR POWER PLANT CON-
STRUCTION. IN LESS THAN TWO YEARS, IEA PROJECTIONS FOR INSTALLED NUCLEAR CAPACITY IN 1985 HAVE SLIPPED FROM 429 GWE TO 220 GWE.

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4) IN ADDITION, THE UNITED STATES HAS DECIDED TO EXTEND ITS UTILIZATION OF THE CURRENT GENERATION OF LIGHT WATER REACTORS AND DEFER EARLY MOVEMENT INTO 'A PLUTONIUM ECONOMY. DURING THIS DELAY THE US INTENDS TO EXAMINE OTHER FUEL CYCLE OPTIONS TO IDENTIFY THE MOST VIABLE ALTERNATIVE FOR THE NEXT GENERATION OF NUCLEAR REACTORS THAT WILL BE SUFFICIENTLY PROLIFERATION RESISTANT WHILE MEETING WORLD ENERGY NEEDS ON A TIMELY, RELIABLE, AND ECONOMIC BASIS.

5) BEYOND THESE NATIONAL LEVEL DEVELOPMENTS, THE IEA IS FACED WITH IDENTIFYING A CLEAR NUCLEAR ROLE IN A COMPLEX AND FLUID INTERNATIONAL CONTEXT. ALREADY THERE EXIST SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS OF VARYING MEMBERSHIP AND WITH VARYING MANDATES WHICH EFFECTIVELY ADDRESS A NUMBER OF ESSENTIAL ACTIVITIES IN THE FIELD OF NUCLEAR ENERGY INCLUDING NON-PROLIFERATION, SAFEGUARDS, AND COOPERATION.

NONE OF THESE ORGANIZATIONS HAS THE OVERALL ENERGY SECURITY AND ECONOMIC AND POLITICAL PERSPECTIVE OF THE INTERNATIONAL ENERGY AGENCY. TO ADDRESS NON-PROLIFERATION CONCERNS ON A MORE COMPREHENSIVE FASHION, THE US HAS PROPOSED AND IS ELABORATING IN CONCERT WITH NATIONS AROUND THE WORLD, AN INTERNATIONAL NUCLEAR FUEL CYCLE EVALUATION (INFCE):

-- TO ENHANCE INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION IN DEALING WITH COMMON CONCERNS RELATED TO THE USE OF NUCLEAR POWER FOR CIVIL PURPOSES, AND PROVIDE A FORUM FOR EXCHANGE OF VIEWS AND VOLUNTARY HARMONIZATION OF POLICY, AND

-- PROVIDE INFORMATION TO GUIDE THE DEVELOPMENT OF ALTERNATIVE NUCLEAR POWER SYSTEMS THAT MINIMIZE POTENTIAL PROLIFERATION RISKS WHILE ASSURING RELIABLE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ECONOMIC AND ENVIRONMENTALLY ACCEPTABLE ENERGY SUPPLIES FOR EACH NATION. THE EVALUATION WILL IDENTIFY AND ASSESS THE FEASIBILITY OF ALTERNATIVE SYSTEMS TO MEET ENERGY NEEDS ON A TIMELY BASIS.

6) THE IEA WITH ITS MANDATE TO CONSIDER THE BROAD ENERGY SECURITY AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF NUCLEAR POWER SHOULD CONTRIBUTE IN A BROAD SENSE TO INFCE ACTIVITIES WHILE FOCUSING IN PARTICULAR ON EVALUATIONS RELATING TO:

-- ELECTRICITY DEMAND AND REQUIREMENTS AND NUCLEAR POWER REQUIRED TO MEET THEM

-- WORLD NATURAL URANIUM RESOURCE DEFINITION

-- ENRICHMENT CAPACITY REQUIREMENTS AND FORECASTING

-- RADIOACTIVE WASTE MANAGEMENT AND DISPOSAL

A NUMBER OF OTHER ORGANIZATIONS WILL SIMILARLY BE CALLED UPON TO PERFORM EVALUATIONS FOR WHICH THEY ARE PARTICULARLY SUITED ON A LEAD AGENCY BASIS. IN ADDITION, CURRENT DISCUSSIONS ON THE INFCE INDICATE THE NEED FOR A STEERING COMMITTEE WHICH WOULD OVERSEE THE MANY ACTIVITIES PRESENTLY UNDER CONSIDERATION. THE IEA SHOULD, VIA EXPRESSIONS OF SUPPORT BY ITS MEMBERS, PURSUE A ROLE IN THIS STEERING COMMITTEE TO ENSURE THAT OVERALL ENERGY AND ECONOMIC CONCERNS ARE ADEQUATELY REFLECTED REGARDLESS OF THE FORUM IN WHICH A GIVEN ANALYSIS IS PERFORMED. IT IS

INCUMBANT ON IEA MEMBERS TO ENSURE THAT THE BROADER
POLITICAL AND ECONOMIC ASPECTS OF ENERGY ARE FULLY
CONSIDERED IN THE VARIOUS INFCE ACTIVITIES. THE IEA
WAS CREATED IN A TIME OF OIL AND GAS SUPPLY DISRUPTIONS
AND OUR ORIENTATION HAS BEEN PREDOMINANTLY OIL AND
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GAS. IT HAS BECOME QUITE CLEAR THAT GREATER ATTENTION
IS NEEDED IN THE NUCLEAR AREA AND THAT THE IEA CAN
FURNISH APPROPRIATE POLICY GUIDANCE IN THE EVOLUTION
OF NUCLEAR POWER. VANCE

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